THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Eradication of dreaded diseases

2942. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for eradication of dreaded diseases such as AIDS, Hepatitis A/B/C, Cancer, TB, Leprosy, etc. spreading among the poor people of the country;

(b) the details of total amount spent by Government on these diseases during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the details of achievements made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid down on the Table of the House.

FDI in hospital industry

2943. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has taken up the matter with regard to attracting Foreign Direct Investment in hospital industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Foreign Direct Investment upto 100 per cent in hospital sector is already permissible under the automatic route.